

# New Mexico State Veterans' Home Update

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# NMVH Current Census Status

## Current Main Building Status:

- A Unit (DOM) – 1 Resident
- B Unit – 0
- C Unit - 0
- D Unit – 16 Residents
- E Unit – 13 Residents
- F Unit – 12 Residents

Total: 42 Residents

## Current Annex Building Status:

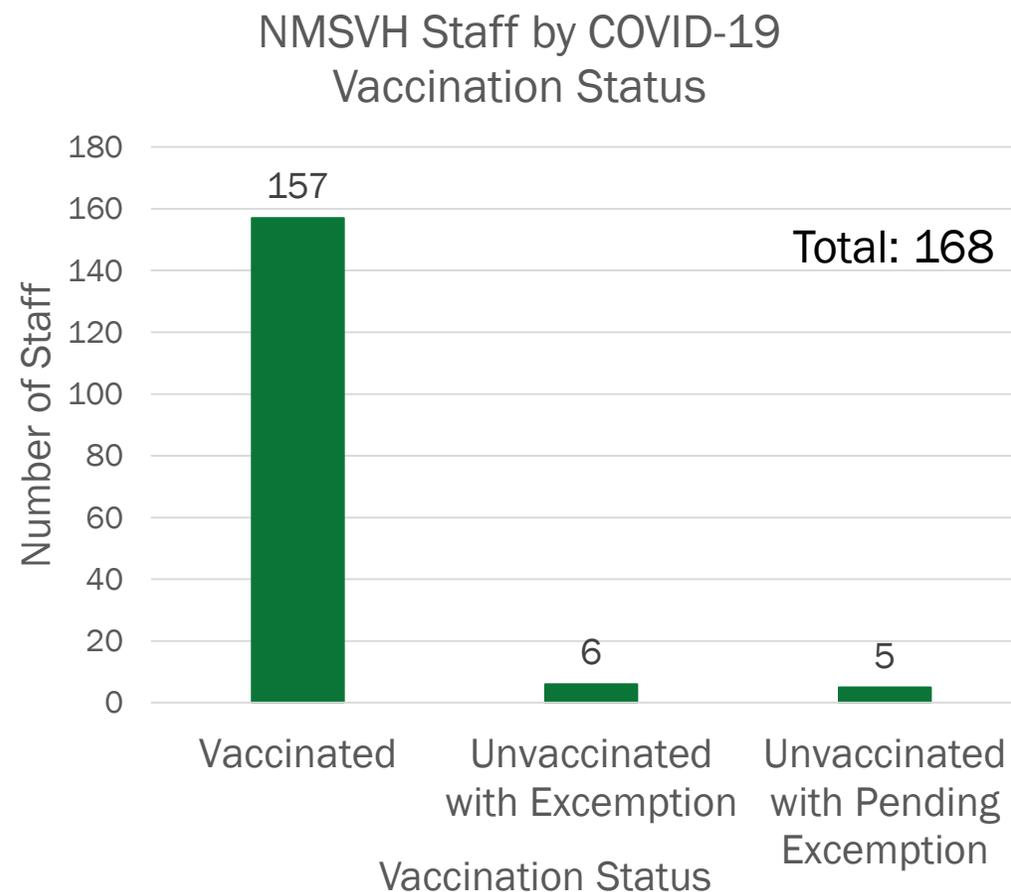
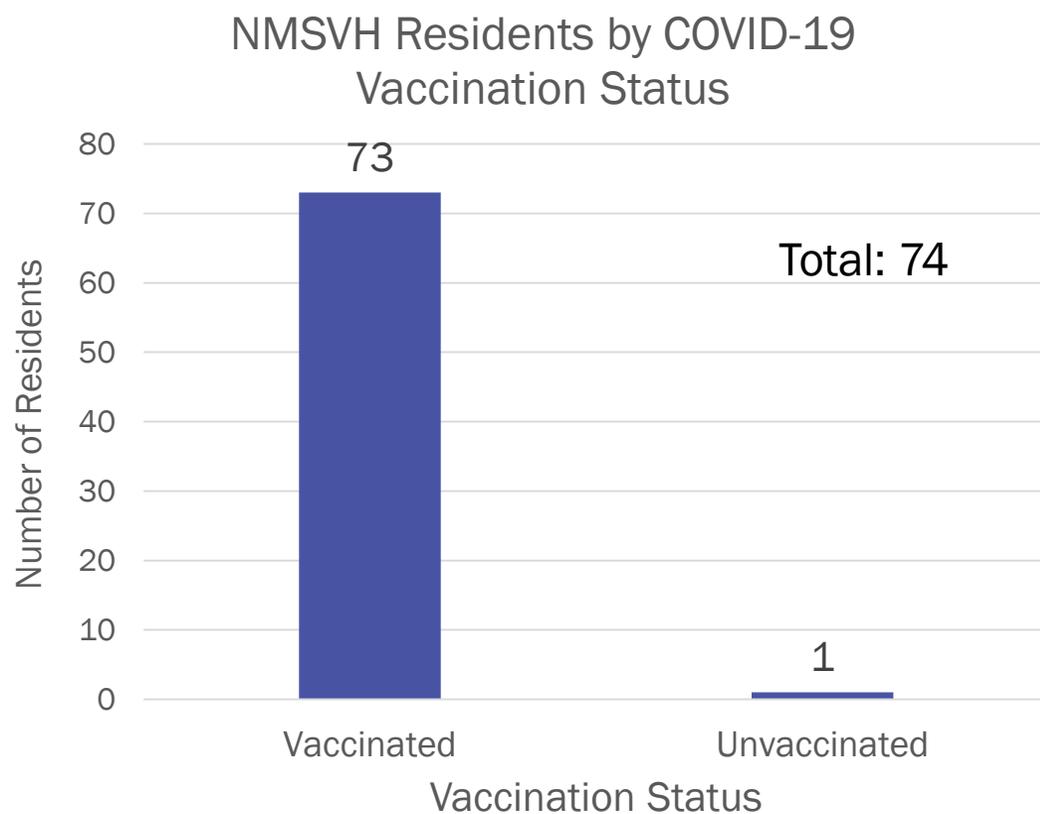
- Brigade – 9 Residents
- Discover – 0 (used as “Yellow”)
- Endeavor – 11 Residents
- Enterprise – 0 (used as “Red”)
- Freedom Village – 11 Residents

Total: 31 Residents

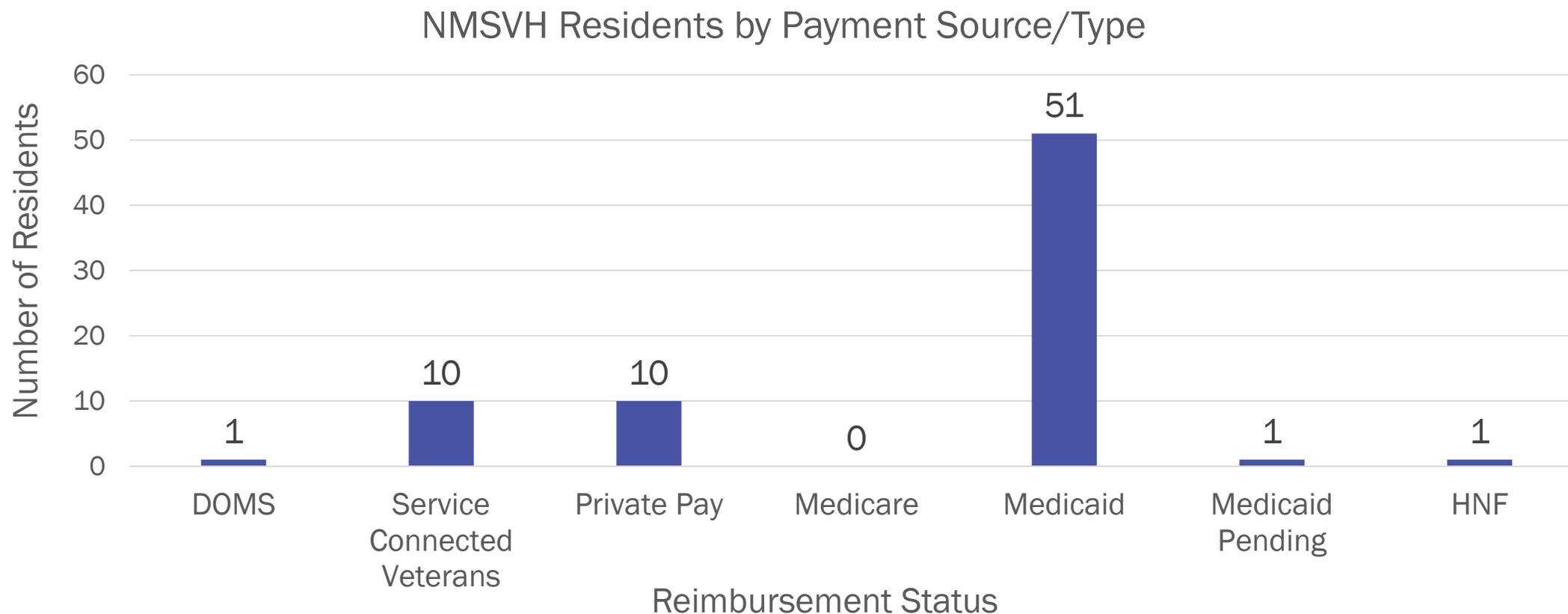
Yellow = observation unit for 14-days after outing / hospital visit.

Red = COVID positive and stay until recovered.

# Residents and Staff by Vaccination Status



# Residents by Payment Source/Type



# Current Activities Available at Vet's Home

- Worship services
- Bingo 3x week, poker 3x week (per resident request)
- Nail clinic
- Beauty salon
- Live music & dancing on the lawn
- Exercise classes, movies, ice cream socials, coffee socials
- Walk and Talk tours, bicycle riding, bible study
- Video and music library
- Dominoes/checkers/chess
- Gardening
- One-to-One visitation
- Celebration of national observation days
- special days/events monthly, based on holidays



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## Vet's Home Activities

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- David loves to work on his garden. Every spring he gets seeds, the staff help him prep the soil, and he grows tomatoes, peppers, squash, and other vegetables that the residents share, and staff purchases to help replenish the funds for next year's plants.
- He spends hours and hours outside talking to the plants, and visitors/residents and staff about his gardening. He relays history about his upbringing on a farm with his family in upper state NY.



# Vets Activities:

- Cards and other games
- This picture has three residents and one staff member playing high stakes poker. (Hey! It's none of our business what they do with their money! We just make sure it's all fair and no one gets upset).
- I think the biggest pot won once was \$1.20. Next to BINGO, they love their poker. We hold poker 3 times a week



## Vet's Home Activities:

- Dining hall refreshments one of the many Coffee social we hold in the Annex for residents with dementia.
- We never tire of hearing their stories and the rich history of their lives!



## Vet's Home Activities:

- Ms G is the wife of a veteran who needed additional help with care as she aged at home. She came into the facility but has a little dog that she could not live without. She has been very sad since COVID hit and she was not able to see her beloved pet for over a year. Here is the reunion between mom and pup



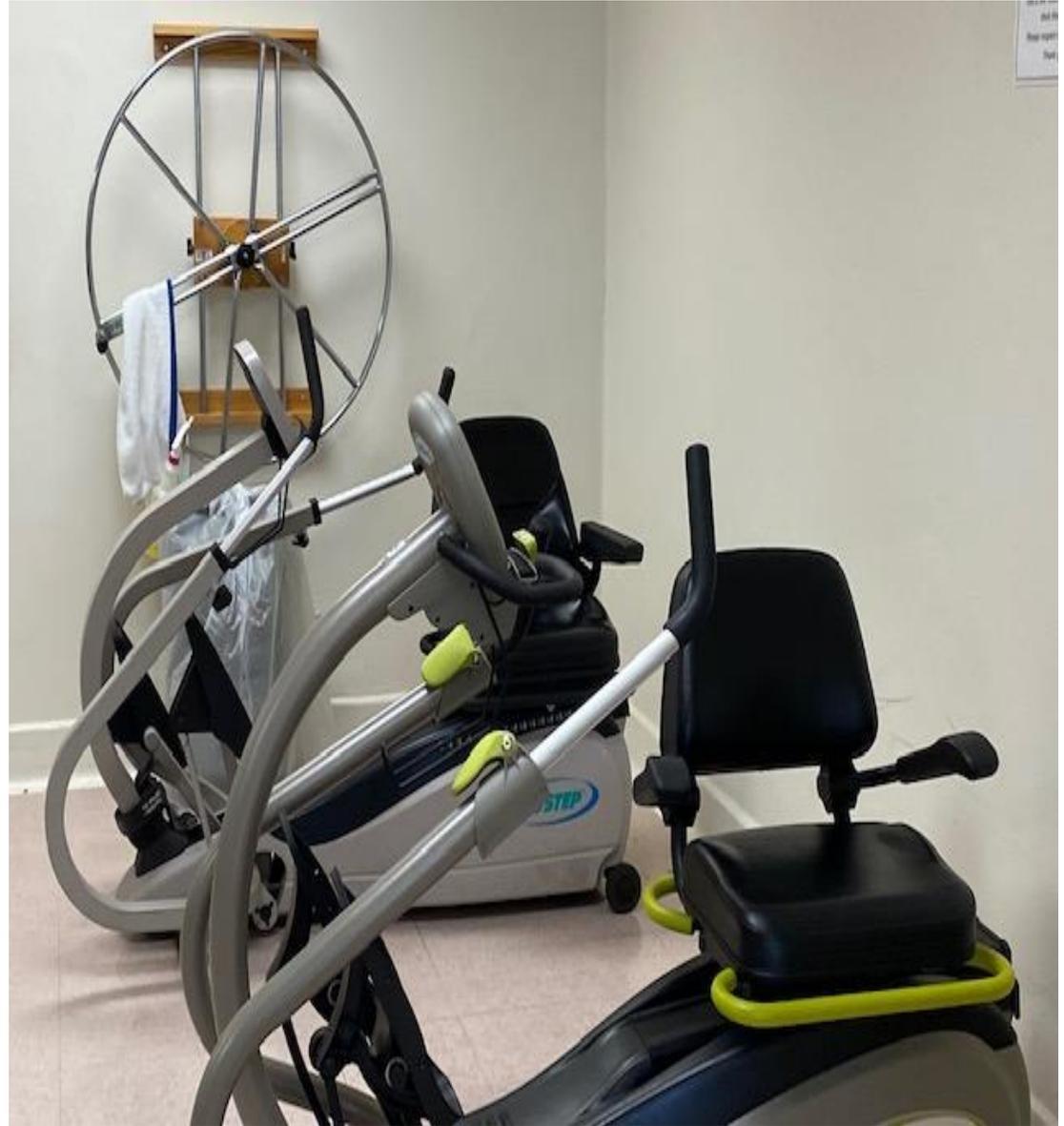
**Main building library with  
business center, video and  
music library selection,  
and reading room**



One of many display cases throughout the main building honoring our service heroes.



# Wellness Center Rehab equipment in Annex



# Spectacular views in the courtyard areas of the Annex



# ANNEX LIBRARY

The library is used frequently by residents.

There are several voracious readers living in the Brigade Unit of the Annex.

Books are donated by families, friends, local libraries for resident enjoyment and entertainment.

There is a video and music cart by the window for residents to sign out their favorite movies, whenever they choose, 24 hours a day.



# Movie Theater/Classroom in the Annex

with dropdown screen in ceiling and projection system.



# Plenty of room for ambulatory residents and wheelchairs alike!



# WAVES Beauty Shop – open weekly with on site contracted licensed beautician



# Progress on Issues Identified in Recent LFC Walk-through

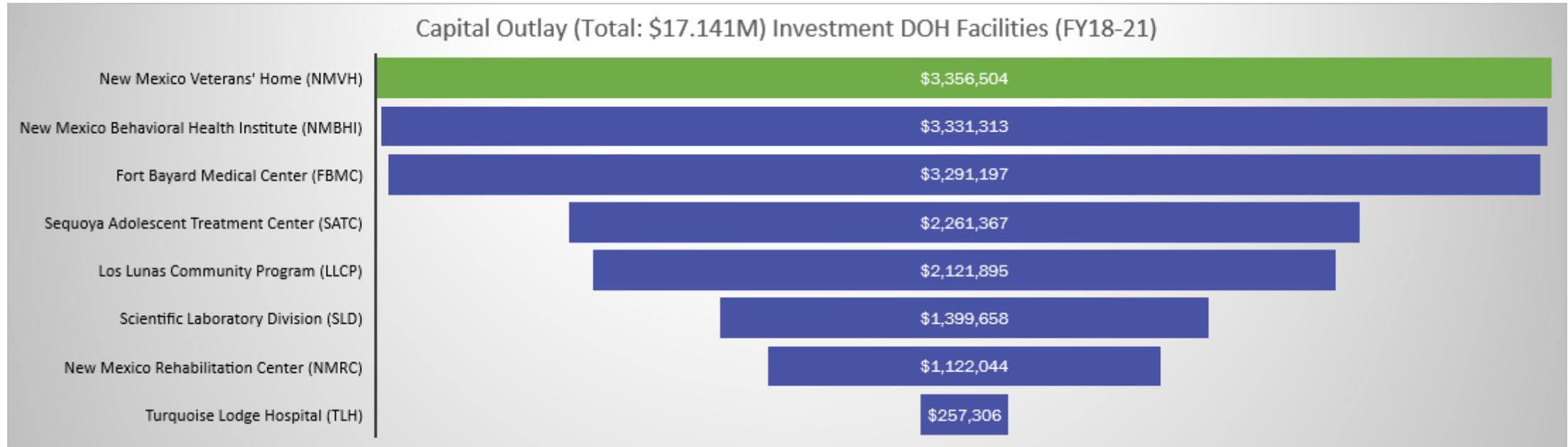
- HVAC system work in progress; voltage within regulatory limits from utility, Outdoor Units (ODU's) have been reset, continue with troubleshooting and resolving issues with Building Automation System (BAS).
- Air circulation in Annex vastly improved by extending vent pipes on the roof, emptying the pool, and plugging the pool drain line on the outside of the building.
- The pool design phase has begun, returning it to a chlorinated pool.
- All exterior work to the Annex building close to completion.



# Vets Home Capital Improvements



# DOH Capital Investment (FY18-21)



NMVH Improvements (sample projects):

Kitchen & Dining Hall HVAC - \$370.8K  
 Dining Room Chairs (IC concern) - \$23.7K  
 Parking Lot / Walkway (Safety) - \$231.5K

Sports Bar HVAC - \$23.9K  
 Sliding Doors Replacement - \$130K  
 Resident Wireless Network - \$221.3K

# FY23 DOH ICIP Request by Priority

- **Priority 1 – New Facility Concept for NMVH**
  - **\$59,633,375**
- Priority 2 – New Forensics Facility at NMBHI
  - **\$50,381,325**
- Priority 3 – Programmatic Health and Safety
  - **\$8,398,580**
- Priority 4 – Deferred Infrastructure and Capital Renewal
  - **\$14,346,405**
- Priority 5 – Capital Equipment, Instrumentation and Support Infrastructure
  - **\$4,693,892**
- Priority 6 – Capital Planning, Design and Construction
  - **\$1,773,292**

# DOH ICIP Request Priority #1

## NMVH Campus Concept –

- NMVH: Development, design, and construction of new home (six model homes with new green build and operating concept).
- Improvement of NMVH Annex to enhance home environment – build out kitchens for proper home use.
- Remodel a portion of old historic building to include administrative offices and courtyard for use by residents.
- Federal funding match process.

Priority 1	New Facility Concept NMVH					
	Project Budget input CPMS	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
	Water Rights / Easements / Other	\$370,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Planning:	\$542,829	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Design (Engineer / Architect):	\$6,562,297	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Construction:	\$49,402,199	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Furnishing / Equipment:	\$2,755,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total:	\$59,633,375	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## New Mexico State Veterans' Home – Facility Condition Assessment June 2021



**Do functional and operational deficiencies affect the facility (not necessarily addressed by the condition assessment) impacting “Quality of Care”?**



*The architectural orientation, size, and layout of resident rooms, corridors, nurses' stations, and public spaces at the NMSVH represent an outdated model that does not adhere to design standards for modern long-term care facilities. The functional and operational deficiencies of this obsolete model adversely impact the quality of care that staff can provide to the residents.*

# Vets Home **Green** Concept Build

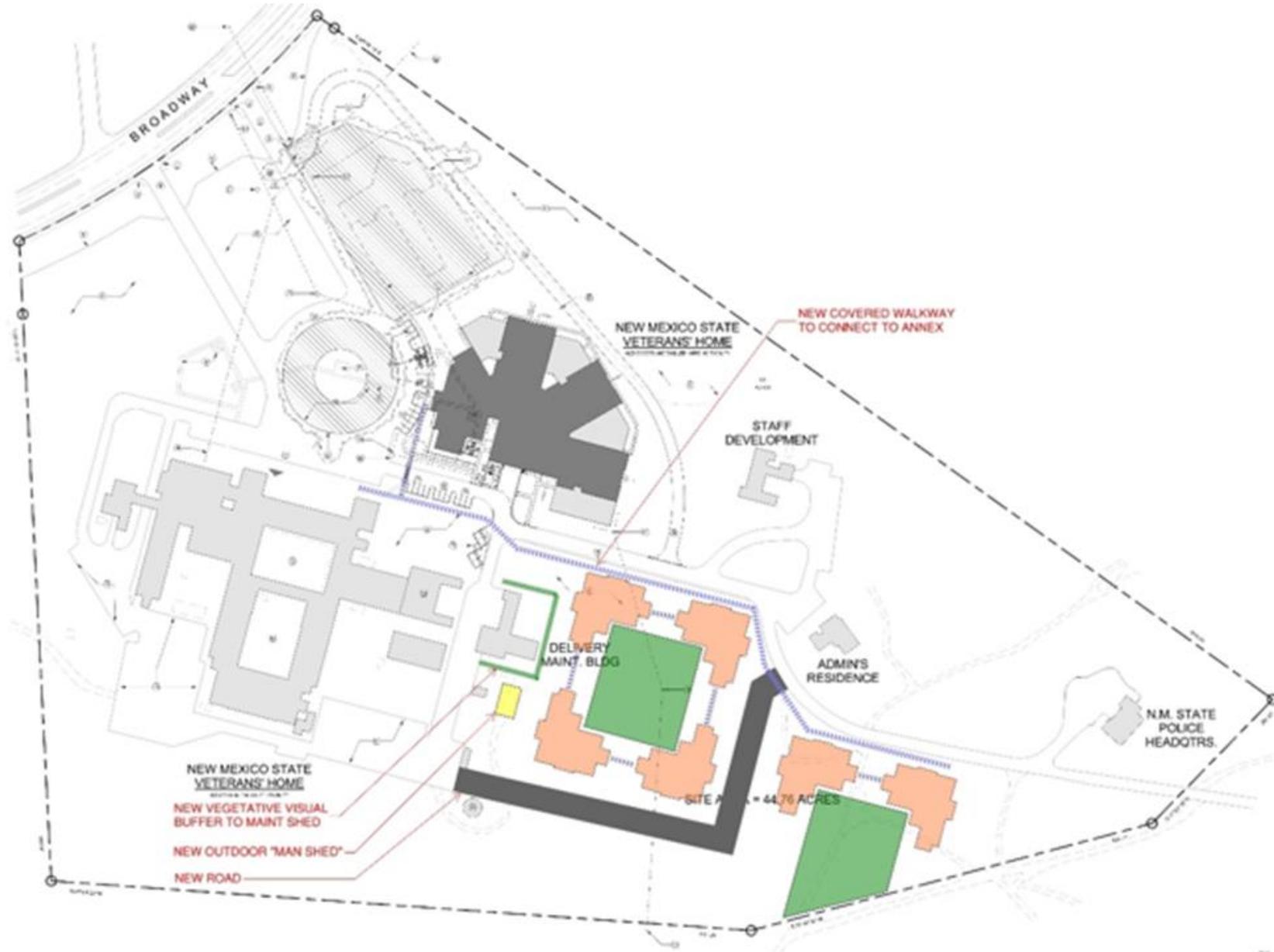
The Green House Project is a model for long-term care that moves away from the one-size-fits-all philosophy and towards “person-directed care” that emphasizes autonomy, dignity and well-being

The Green House Project differs from traditional long-term care:

- **Autonomy:** Private bathrooms and rooms, access to shared and social areas at any time
- **Green Living:** In this case, “green” means living within the natural world, such as plenty of sunlight, garden areas, plants and outdoor access
- **Intimacy:** Community consists of clusters of smaller homes with 6-10 senior residents
- **Smart Technology:** Green House communities use smart technology such as adaptive devices, computers and ceiling lifts
- **Warmth:** A warm living situation consists of a layout that encourages social activity, as well as decor and furnishings that provide comfort



# New Design Build



# New Design Build Timeline

11/24/21

RFP Phase 1  
Due

1/20/22

Finalist Selection

3/3/23

Substantial  
Completion



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# Thank you!